

SILENT TOAST IS CLIMAX TO GREAT KNIGHTS' SPREAD

Twelve Hundred K. of C. and Guests Take Part in Fast Pacing Opening of Supreme Convention.

HELD AT DAVENPORT COLISEUM

Patriotism and Religious Tolerance Key-note of Speakers—Business Sessions Are Begun.

After a silent toast to the president of the United States, 1,200 Knights of Columbus and their guests gathered at the fourth degree banquet at the Davenport coliseum last evening, broke into tumultuous cheering. The toast was given standing and came as the dramatic climax to the evening's proceedings. It was proposed by Federal Judge M. J. Wade of Iowa City as the final words of the peroration with which he concluded a stirring address, the final one of a program permeated with patriotism. The response brought to a close the day's program in connection with the simplification of the fourth degree preceding the official opening of the supreme convention of the order in Davenport today. Lee J. Dougherty of Davenport, master of the fourth degree for Iowa, presided as toastmaster.

Forgetting creed and lodge, Judge Wade, with dramatic oratory, dealt with patriotism. His subject was "The Constitution." In reality, however, it was "Human Government." Beautiful were his word painted pictures. Wonderful were his climaxes.

"Europe today is engaged in the most awful conflict the world has ever seen," said Judge Wade. "Out there on the battlefields of France men are fighting and dying. Not last month or yesterday, but tonight! Yes, tonight they are dying under the stars!"

War Ends All Differences. "What a wonderful picture of patriotism! They are forgetting all differences—religious and social. All have wended away. The socialist and democrat, the Catholic and Protestant, the Lutheran minister and Catholic priest, are marching side by side to the valley of death."

"What a wonderful thing when a nation has such a spirit of patriotism! I tell you friends, this awful conflict is making men think like they never did before of human government. Men of America are thinking as they never thought before. You went through the ceremonial today and pledged your faith anew to your country. After all there is in this country a splendid spirit of Americanism."

"We may differ socially or in creeds, but every man and son would join the colors, shoulder to shoulder, if this country called him to make a mistake, but America would stand behind him!"

"We have always stood behind a president of the United States. When Lincoln called they heard his voice. When McKinley called the American people stood behind him."

Supreme Knight Flaherty Absent. Owing to illness Supreme Knight James Flaherty was confined to his room at the Blackhawk hotel.

Martin H. Carmody, deputy supreme knight, spoke for Mr. Flaherty. Mr. Carmody stated that Supreme Knight Flaherty had been seriously indisposed for the last few days and that it was thought best that he remain at the hotel in order that he might preside over the deliberations of the supreme convention during the next few days.

The banquet doors were thrown open at 7 o'clock, the dinner lasting until 9:30 when the Choral club sang two selections, "Comrade Song" by Bullard, and "The Star Spangled Banner." The great crowd arose and cheered. Only one-third of the club was present. Parnell Egan, the Chicago tenor, singing later on the program, made good the claim that he is a second John McCormick. He was enthusiastically received. "Somewhere a Voice Is Calling," by Tate, "Duna" by McGill, and "Tis But a Shamrock" comprised the selections he sang. The last mentioned is by Erwin Swindell of Davenport, who furnished the accompaniment. The first number of the program, "Knights of Columbus" march by the band, is also a composition by Mr. Swindell.

Service Is Without Flaw. A notable feature of the evening was the splendid service received by the knights at the banquet. The serving of the dinner was supervised by W. F. Miller of the Hotel Blackhawk.

The decorations were unique. Striped Japanese lanterns of purple, pink, red, white and blue, hung from the ceiling of the coliseum. The

BEING SAD IS THE ONLY RELAXATION AFFORDED IN THE LIFE OF A CIRCUS CLOWN WHO IS PAID TO BE FUNNY



Every day while the circus is upon tour at least fifty sour-faced men may be seen entering the dressing tent of the big Barnum & Bailey circus, by twos and threes to take their parts in the circus program negotiated under the "big top" afternoon and evening.

They are the clowns, the men who make all the fun for the children and who act as if they hadn't a care in all the world. One of them, caught off duty the other day by an interviewer and asked the reason for the sad expressions of the crowd, said that being gay was work for them.

"My only form of relaxation is to be sad," he said. "Anyway you never saw a clown really smile. His grin is painted on his face. I think a clown is

just like the wondering minstrel of old. He has to make the rounds of the oval under the tent, doing his stunts again and again and trying to catch the eyes of the people in the audience. A theatrical comedian has his audience penned up before him, and they either have to watch or go to sleep, but our audiences have plenty of other things to look at and you've got to work hard to catch their attention."

But that the clowns do get the attention, particularly of the children, is admitted by the circus owners, who go down deep in their pockets to buy the skill and daring displayed in the rings, but the waves of laughter are

inspired by the clowns who are ever alert and on the job. The clown is the busiest man in the whole circus. His performance is continuous from the time the band strikes up until he has ridden the finish of his burlesque of the animal race, made up, perhaps, as a monkey or dodo. He rehearses every morning to keep in practice and to keep abreast of the times. When he isn't rehearsing or performing his own acts, he is likely to be found serving as the hind legs of the trick donkey or the front legs of the educated giraffe. And when he isn't doing either of these he is scratching his head in a wistful pursuit of some new idea that will please the ringmaster and bring down the house—or tent.

LEADING WORKER AT MEETING OF KNIGHTS



M. H. Sexton, Grand Knight Alouez Council, Rock Island.

order of the creed of its members who aided in the preparations. "Here in Davenport religious differences make no difference," he asserted. "We all join together to produce good, loyal citizenship."

When he rose a spontaneous outburst of applause greeted him, indicative of the high appreciation which the members of the order bore of his efforts in behalf of their entertainment.

The address of William P. Larkin, New York City, a supreme director, was strongly patriotic in tone, and preceding that of Judge Wade's, served to heighten the enthusiasm of the evening for the grand finale. The supreme master had for his topic, "Knights of Columbus and Preparedness." He developed the topic with scintillating definiteness of thought in a twofold way, military and moral preparedness.

"As Americans to whom our country is ever dear, we, as Knights of Columbus, are prepared to give the last full measure of devotion or the last full measure of service," he said in the course of his remarks. "Time alone will tell which it is to be. The two greatest friends this country has outside of its own borders are the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. But this nation's wealth is \$187,000,000,000 and England is worth \$85,000,000,000, Germany and France each \$50,000,000,000, Austria, \$20,000,000,000 and Japan \$8,000,000,000. We are the foremost in the vanguard of nations but as such have awakened the jealousy of belligerent nations."

He then proceeded to make a powerful plea for preparedness, not with the object of aggrandizement or aggression, but that Americanism may continue to live, closing his discussion of military preparedness with the assertion: "Not until we are strong enough on land and sea to no longer invite aggression can we say with philosophical calm we are too proud to fight."

In discussing moral preparation he pleaded for the eradication of racial and religious prejudice, closing his address by asking that the American people rise to a moral preparation that engenders common thought, common desires and common ideals. "A spirit of one for all and all for one is needed to make us an entirely united people," he closed, "no that as one of the great political parties in its platform declares, we Americans must remain the undivided soul of an undivided people."

Supreme Master Talks. "The Knights of Columbus is not a foreign institution," said John Reddin, supreme master of the fourth de-

gree. "We have half a million men in this country. And they are high-minded men—men who are united in purpose and action. Such a body of men with relative power feel their responsibility and duty."

Mr. Reddin spoke on "Our Work." He stated that the lodge was founded upon a correct moral standard and therefore will always stand for the good of the republic.

If, in our ritual, there had been instructions to vote for only a Knight of Columbus, our order would have died long ago," said Mr. Reddin. "But such is not the case. We vote for a good man."

Mr. Reddin asserted that the fourth degree was primarily a patriotic institution. He paid high tribute to the American flag, exclaiming "we would fight for it."

E. M. Sharon of Davenport talked on "Welcome." Mr. Sharon complimented Bishop Davis for his preceding talk. He reviewed part of the history of the order and stated that he felt proud to state that the Knights of Columbus had made such wonderful progress during the last few years.

"I feel honored to extend words of welcome to the Knights of Columbus," said Mr. Sharon.

No Mexican Intervention. E. G. Dunn of Mason City, in addition to Supreme Director William P. Larkin, touched upon "Preparedness," but asserted that while he came of a fighting race he had shed his blood on American battlefields in Europe and America, he would refuse to protect the dollars of unpatriotic Americans who invest their money in Mexico rather than at home.

The degree work in the afternoon was conferred upon a class of 260 candidates at the Grand opera house. The class consisted of Judge M. J. Wade of Iowa City, Monsignor Flavin of Des Moines; Frank O'Connor of New Hampton, Iowa, and E. M. Sharon, M. F. Donegan, W. J. McCullough and A. E. Carroll of Davenport.

Convention Opens. The supreme convention proper opened at 9 o'clock this morning with solemn pontifical mass at Sacred Heart cathedral, with Most Rev. John Bonzano, apostolic delegate, as celebrant. The sermon was delivered by His Grace Most Rev. J. J. Keane, archbishop of Dubuque. The mass was sung by the noted Knights of Columbus Choral club of St. Louis.

The initial business session was held at 11 o'clock at the Columbia theatre. Addresses of welcome were made by George W. Clarke, governor of Iowa; M. F. Donegan, Davenport, grand knight; J. J. Meyers, Carroll, Iowa, state deputy; Rev. John T. Noonan, Des Moines, state chaplain; Mayor John Berwald; J. Reed Lane, president Davenport Commercial club, and I. C. Norwood, secretary Greater Davenport committee. Response was given by Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty.

Past Year Busy One. Following luncheon for the delegates at the Grand opera house, the business sessions were resumed at 2 o'clock. The report of the secretary shows a membership on June 30, of 368,135, New York leading, with Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa following in the order named. This total is an increase of 21,517 over the preceding year.

The report shows assets for the order totalling nearly \$7,000,000, which is an increase of more than \$800,000. Total collections during the year just ending were \$2,119,433, and death benefits paid out were \$559,406. Total insurance in force was given as \$123,000,000. Forty-two new councils were instituted during the year and 2,340 members died.

KANSAS BANKS SHOW HEAVIER DEPOSITS

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 1.—Kansas state banks had \$4,000,000 more deposits June 30 than March 24 \$15,000,000 more than a year ago and \$45,000,000 more than two years ago, W. F. Benson, state bank commissioner announced today.

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Official of State Board of Health Is Joined by Health Commissioners in Visiting Case.

WIDESPREAD OVER THE STATE

Sunday Schools and Motion Picture Houses Are Closed in Several Places by Health Board.

"Infantile paralysis is rapidly on the increase in Illinois," said Dr. East, state inspector in charge of the fight against the disease, in discussing the state situation in Rock Island today.

"In some towns it has been necessary to take the precaution of closing all of the Sunday schools and motion picture houses. We do not look for any abatement until cold weather, probably not before October."

Health Commissioner C. T. Foster of Rock Island and Health Commissioner H. S. Bennett of Moline accompanied Dr. East upon a visit to a case in Moline today and found the child in a condition of paralysis, from which he cannot recover, although he probably will live.

The health commissioners of Rock Island and Moline will request the state board of health to send Dr. East to lecture to the physicians of this community regarding the disease. He is recognized as thoroughly versed in the work of fighting the disease, having made a specialty of the study of its treatment and being in advance of the text books at hand.

No Case Here Now. Dr. Foster announces that at present Rock Island is without a case of paralysis. He is giving the situation keenest attention, nevertheless, and is seeking all of the cooperation possible from the higher authorities.

NEW TRANSFER FORM; MORE RIGID ORDERS

New systems have been inaugurated and new orders given conductors in handling transfers on cars of the Tri-

HOW TO BE SLIM.

If you are too fat and want to reduce your weight 15 or 20 pounds, don't starve and weaken your system, or think you must always be laughed at on account of your fat, but go to John J. Foley, (Harper House Pharmacy) or any good druggist, and get a box of Oil of Korein capsules, take one after each meal and one before retiring at night.

Weigh yourself once a week and note what a pleasant and reliable method this is for removing superfluous fat from any part of the body. It costs little, is absolutely harmless and a week's trial should convince anyone that it is unnecessary to be burdened with even a single pound of unsightly fat.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Harley Fleming of this city brought suit for divorce against his wife, Mrs. Cora Fleming, in circuit court today. The marriage was performed Feb. 1, 1906 and claim is made that at that time the defendant had a husband living from whom she had not been divorced. H. M. McCaskin is counsel.

Merle Foster, Moline, was declared delinquent in county court this morning by Judge N. A. Larson and was ordered committed to St. Charles. Some time ago he was sent to Glenwood but after he ran away three times and took a watch, the court thought St. Charles the place for him.

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